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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINT, PINR, TU (ALYANAK, IHSAN)

SUBJECT: IZMIR MAYOR HEAVILY CRITICIZED IN INCIDENT AT
NEWSPAPER OFFICE

1. IZMIR'S MAYOR IHSAN ALYANAK (RPP) WAS ACCUSED IN SEVERAL
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OF "A DISGUSTING ASSAULT" AND A "TERRORIST
DEMONSTRATION" AGAINST YENI ASIR NEWSPAPER OFFICES ON DEC. 31.
INCIDENT FOLLOWED YENI ASIR FRONT PAGE STORY PUBLISHED DEC. 30
AND HEADLINED "WE ARE CALLING THE POPULIST MUNICIPALITY TO
DUTY". ARTICLE (PUBLISHED AS LETTER TO ALYANAK) ACCUSED HIM
OF LACK OF INTEREST IN FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF FAMILY OF AN IZMIR

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FIREMAN KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON DEC. 25.

2. VARIOUS NEWSPAPER REPORTS (JAN. 1-3) ASSERT ALYANAK,
ACCOMPANIED BY FIRE TRUCK AND SEVERAL FIREMEN, WENT TO YENI
ASIR OFFICES WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY SHOUTED OBSCENITIES AND
PHYSICALLY "PUSHED" SEVERAL NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES. ALYANAK
REPORTEDLY ALSO ACCUSED YENI ASIR OF VIOLATING "PRESS MORALITY
CODE".

3. YENI ASIR EDITORIALS AND ARTICLES ACCUSED ALYANAK OF
VIOLATING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS "THE
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FOURTH INCIDENT HE CREATED SINCE HE CAME TO OFFICE". OTHER
NEWSPAPERS WERE ALSO CRITICAL OF MAYOR'S ACTIONS.

4. CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF MEMBER SPOKE TO ALYANAK'S BROTHER,
MUSTAFA (LOCAL LAWYER), WHO CLAIMED MAYOR WENT TO NEWSPAPER
OFFICES WITH FIREMEN TO EXPLAIN TO REPORTERS THAT DECEASED
FIREMAN'S FAMILY HAD BEEN HELPED. MUSTAFA ASSERTS REPORTER
SHOUTED "LIAR" AT MAYOR AND HE "GOT MAD AND ATTACKED THE

PRESS REPORTERS".

5. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED RPP PARTY OFFICIALS HAD FORMALLY
CRITICIZED ALYANAK WHICH MAYOR DENIED. JAN. 3 YENI ASIR
REPORTED STATEMENT BY NURI BAYAR (ASSISTANT TO JP GENERAL

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PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PROPAGANDA AND INFORMATION) HOLDING
ENTIRE RPP RESPONSIBLE FOR "ASSAULT" ON "DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS"
AND "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS".

6. RUMORS REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHERWISE CIRCULATING
IN IZMIR INCLUDE ALYANAK'S IMMINENT RESIGNATION UNDER PRESSURE
FROM LOCAL RPP LEADERS AND LESS EXTREME ASSERTION THAT MAYOR
RECEIVED "WARNING LETTER" FROM RPP IZMIR ORGANIZATION. YENI
ASIR ALSO PRINTED WITHOUT COMMENT COPY OF LETTER SIGNED BY
IZMIR RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT EKREM BULGUN "REGRETTING" THE
MAYOR'S ACTIONS.

7. SENSATIONAL NATURE OF STORY SEEMS LIKELY TO ATTRACT
NEWSPAPER REPORTAGE FOR SOME TIME TO COME AND WELL-KNOWN
TENDENCY OF ALYANAK TO LOSE TEMPER AND ACT HASTILY LENDS SOME
CREDENCE TO EVEN EXTREME VERSIONS OF INCIDENT. YENI ASIR'S
ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF A FIREMAN'S WIDOW AND ORPHANS
WAS BOUND TO TOUCH THE MAYOR IN A SENSITIVE SPOT, IN VIEW OF
HIS ACKNOWLEDGED DEPENDENCE FOR THIS POLITICAL BASE ON THE
CITIES POOR AND ON LOWER-PAID MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.
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